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Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 64/289, the General Assembly encouraged the Secretary-General to proceed with the modality for the independent evaluation of lessons learned from the "delivering as one" pilots, covering all aspects of the initiative. The original mandate was contained in Assembly resolution 62/208, in which the Assembly encouraged the Secretary-General to support countries in their evaluation of efforts to improve coherence, coordination and harmonization in the United Nations development system, and emphasized the need for an independent evaluation of lessons learned from such efforts. The challenge is to ensure the evaluation is as independent and credible as possible, and useful for ongoing intergovernmental consultations on system-wide coherence and on effectiveness and relevance of operational activities for development of the United Nations system. The evaluation should inform the preparation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, to be conducted in 2012, and will be overseen by a regionally balanced Evaluation Management Group established by the Secretary-General (see A/65/737 and Add.1).

2. The preparation of the report will require extensive data collection, analysis and stakeholder consultations at the country, regional and headquarters levels, in 2011 and during the first half of 2012.

3. The Chair of the Evaluation Management Group will report to the General Assembly, through the President of the Assembly, by August 2012.

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